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Deputies' Meeting

Thursday, 20 November 1952

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PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Hedden, Amory, [REDACTED]

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Reported that he had discussed the psychological and political warfare paper, referred to at yesterday's Deputies' Meeting, with Messrs. Barnes and [REDACTED] and stated that he had some reservations on the paper as written. The Director said that now was a poor time to bring this matter up and, in all probability, we should wait until after the new administration had had an opportunity to "settle down" and take first things first. After some discussion, it was decided to go into this problem in more detail with [REDACTED] on 24 November. (NOTE: The Director has a copy of the paper in question.)

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b. Stated in several instances he had noted that (1) outgoing cables had been changed subsequent to their preparation and prior to dispatch; (2) the come-back copies of these cables did not reflect the exact changes made. After some discussion, it was suggested that it be the responsibility of releasing officers to check come-back copies of all cables with their file copy in order to insure that messages were dispatched exactly as prepared. In connection with the assignment of pseudonyms, [REDACTED] suggested that names such as "Unambitious" not be used.

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Mr. Wisner:

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c. Noted that the [REDACTED] had suggested that the Director might possibly wish to extend informal congratulations to [REDACTED] After some discussion wherein the Director noted that he did not know this man personally and he wished to "remain in the background", it was decided not to do this.

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d. Raised the question of attendance of senior staff officers at the Orientation Course on 21 November at which time the President was scheduled to make a personal address. The DCI stated he had no objection to such attendance if desired by the individuals concerned. In connection with speakers for this course, the Director noted that Col. Baird was a little overambitious and that one "high level" speaker during the course should be sufficient.

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